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Dear ACS Members,

Welcome you to the **Forum for Architecture, Culture and Spirituality!** We are inspired by the response to our membership call – there are almost 90 inaugural members.

The **Mission** of the Forum for Architecture, Culture and Spirituality is to support the development and dissemination of architectural and interdisciplinary scholarship, research, practice, and education on the cultural significance, experience and meaning of the built environment. We invite your participation in the coming weeks to further define ACS and create opportunities and initiatives in support of its mission.

Please take a few moments to do the following:

1. Please note the updates and additions to the ACS website at <http://faculty.arch.utah.edu/acs/>

We now have pages for **“News”** and **“Resources”** which will be built over time through member participation.

We have also established a **“Discussion Board”** for members to discuss ACS activities and topics germane to our mission. There is already posted material for discussion. We encourage you to engage in the conversation by responding or initiating another topic. To sign in and participate, follow the directions highlighted on the top of the page.

The **listserv** will only be used only for broadcast e mails (like this one), to announce upcoming events or to solicit member input. We ask that all discussions take place on the Discussion Board.

2. Please check your information on the **“Participants”** list and forward any corrections to Julio Bermudez at bermudez@arch.utah.edu

Once again, welcome to this timely and exciting initiative. We look forward to the shared resources, discussions and scholarly activities that the Forum for Architecture, Culture and Spirituality promises to provide.

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